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250,000 ICEBOXES MAY BE PRODUCED IN 2ND QUARTER

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A total of about 250,000 iceboxes may be produced during the second quarter of this year, under the provisions of Supplementary Limitation Order L-7-c as amended March 30.

Quotas for 26 manufacturers of iceboxes for the second quarter of this year total 210,000 for general consumption. In addition, the order provides that these manufacturers may fill orders bearing preference ratings of AA-5 or higher in excess of their quotas. Besides allowing manufacturers a greater leeway in scheduling production, this provision is of particular benefit to the National Housing Administration. It permits that agency to schedule its refrigerator contracts as each War-Housing project nears completion.

Iceboxes are produced in two sizes under L-7-c. One is of about 50-pound ice capacity with 3½ cubic feet of food space, the other of about 75-pound ice capacity with 5 cu. ft.

No restrictions have been imposed on retail sales. The general public may purchase iceboxes through usual trade sources, the amended order states.

TOOLS FOR 'EMERGENCY SERVICE' CAN BE BOUGHT WITH PRIORITY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Such tools as are required by refrigeration servicemen for the performance of "emergency repair service" as defined by Order P-126 may be purchased on priority orders rated under P-126, it has been ruled by the Administrator of Preference Rating Order P-126.

Tools are regarded as being "material . . . used in connection with emergency repair service."

(Under (a) Definitions (6) of the order it is stated: "Materials" means any commodity, equipment, accessory, part, assembly, or product to be used in connection with emergency repair service, or placed in authorized inventory, except chlorinated hydrocarbon refrigerants."

JAIL SENTENCE GIVEN FOR USED BOX PRICE VIOLATION

DETROIT—One of the stiffest sentences yet to be handed out for the violation of the OPA Used Refrigerator price ceiling order was given April 1 by Judge Picard in U. S. District Court to Leon Freedman of Detroit, who was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to 15 months on each of 10 counts, the prison terms to run concurrently.

Freedman, formerly proprietor of the Allen Electric Co. and Brown's Bargain Warehouse, admitted that he had more than doubled his money when he sold refrigerators in violation of the price ceilings.

148,847 Household Mechanical Refrigerators Will Be Released

Buyer Must Certify No Other Equipment Is at Hand

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Release of 148,847 mechanical refrigerators for sale to consumers this spring was announced last Wednesday, March 31, by the Consumer Durable Goods Division of the War Production Board.

Details of the release of the 148,847 mechanical refrigerators from the "frozen" stockpile of such units were worked out by officials of the Consumer Durable Goods Division and the Refrigerator Manufacturers Industry Advisory Committee at a recent meeting.

Supplementary Limitation Order L-5-d, as amended March 27, provides the framework for distribution.

Only those who cannot be served by other types of refrigeration are eligible to buy electric or gas refrigerators, the order provides. Each purchaser must attest, on a government form supplied by his retailer, that "the domestic mechanical refrigerator being transferred is required by me. . . . I have no other domestic mechanical refrigerator, nor do I have available any other refrigeration equipment which I can use . . ."

This form is available to the purchaser, as a part of the sales trans-

action, from his dealer. It will not be supplied at WPB offices.

Pointing out that further release of mechanical refrigerators from the remaining stockpile for general consumption appears impossible at this time, and that no renewal of their production for general consumption is now contemplated, the Consumer Durable Goods Division in its release reviewed the developments affecting mechanical refrigerators as follows:

"On Feb. 14, 1942, sale of all mechanical refrigerators in manufacturers' and distributors' hands was prohibited except to specified war agencies. These are: Army, Navy, Maritime Commission, Board of Economic Warfare, Lend-Lease Admin-
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Industry To Air Its Problems In Chicago Conclave April 13-14

CHICAGO—Wednesday morning, April 14, will be the time, and the Red Lacquer room of the Palmer House hotel will be the place, for open discussions of the current problems of refrigeration equipment manufacturers, supply jobbers, dealers, and servicemen in operating under government regulations.

This Wednesday morning session will climax a two-day Refrigeration Industry Wartime Conference (April 13 and 14) during which time the National Refrigeration Supply Jobbers Assn. and the Refrigeration Equipment Manufacturers Assn. will hold annual meetings.

The meeting on the morning of April 14 is billed as a joint meeting on Rema, N.R.S.J.A., and the Refrigeration Service Engineers Society, but is open to any interested member of the industry.

Sterling Smith, Chief, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Section, General Industrial Equipment Division, WPB, has attested that he

will be on hand for the Conference, and is scheduled to speak at some of the meetings, including the joint luncheon following the Wednesday morning "open forum" meeting.

Other features of the Wednesday morning session will include reports from Product Group Meetings which Rema members will have held the previous day, a discussion on the difficulties manufacturers are having under present conditions in filling jobbers' orders, and a talk, "The Coming Crisis in Refrigeration Serv-
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This is the bulletin issue of the News. More details on the news stories plus special features in next week's full size issue.

Program of Meetings at the Conference

OVERALL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AT THE CONFERENCE

MONDAY, APRIL 12

10:00 a.m.—R.E.M.A. Board of Directors—Meeting and Luncheon—Rooms No. 3 and 4.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

9:30 a.m.—Eighth Annual Meeting of the National Refrigeration Supply Jobbers Association, Room No. 18.
10:00 a.m.—R.E.M.A.'s Manufacturers' Meeting, Room No. 17.
12:30 p.m.—Jobbers' Luncheon, Room No. 14.
2:00 p.m.—Afternoon Session of National Refrigeration Supply Jobbers Association, Room No. 18.
2:30 p.m.—R.E.M.A. Product Group Closed Meetings.
7:00 p.m.—Jobbers' Dinner, Room No. 15.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

10:00 a.m.—Joint Meeting of Refrigeration Equipment Manufacturers Association, National Refrigeration Supply Jobbers Association, and Refrigeration Service Engineers Society, Red Lacquer Room.
12:30 p.m.—Joint Luncheon, Room No. 14.
2:00 p.m.—N.R.S.J.A. Board of Directors—Meeting—Room No. 7.
2 to 5 p.m.—Open for Conferences Between Manufacturers and Jobbers.

WPB Officials Are Listed on Chicago Meeting Program

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ice," by Paul B. Reed, service manager, Servel, Inc., and chairman of the War Educational Committee of the R.S.E.S.

Following is the complete program for the two-day conference, in chronological order:

Tuesday Morning, April 13
Meeting of the Refrigeration Equipment Manufacturers Assn.
Room No. 17—10 a.m.

Meeting Called to Order, John Wyllie, Jr.

Objectives of This Wartime Conference.

Annual Report of the Treasurer, E. J. Tweed.

Our President's Report, John Wyllie, Jr.

The Washington War Effort:

a. "How the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Industry Advisory Committee Works," A. B. Schellenberg.
b. "A Product Group Task Committee Goes Into Action," C. M. Cordley.

c. "WPB Orders Affecting Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Industry"

"(1) The L-38 Order As Revised."

"(2) The L-126 Order."

Sterling F. Smith, Chief, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Section, WPB.

Open Forum—The Controlled Materials Plan.

Question and Answer Period.

"The Plans of the National Refrigeration War Council," John Wyllie, Jr.

Report of the Nomination Committee, B. J. Scholl, Chairman.

Presentation of the New Board of Directors Members.

Suggestions for Afternoon Product Group Meetings, R. Kennedy Hanson.

Tuesday Morning, April 13

Meeting of the National Refrigeration Supply Jobbers Assn.

Room No. 18—9:30 a.m.

Meeting Called to Order, Alex H. Holcombe, Jr., President.

The Purpose of the Conference.

"Obtaining Material on PD-IX Ap-

plications," Sterling A. Warren, Industrial and Hardware Supplies Branch, WPB.

Discussions of questions to be submitted to manufacturers as to production and priorities.

Room No. 14—12:30 p.m.
Jobbers' Luncheon.

Tuesday Afternoon, April 13
Meeting of the Refrigeration Equipment Manufacturers Assn.
2:30 p.m.

Product Group Meetings

Below are listed the Product Group Meetings which are to be held for manufacturers only. At these meetings a number of questions prepared as a result of a questionnaire sent to the refrigeration supply jobbers will be discussed, and suitable answers prepared so that they may be presented at the Joint Manufacturers, Jobbers, and Service Engineers Meeting on Wednesday morning, April 14, at 10 a.m.

In addition to the above, suggestions concerning Post-War Thinking will be presented.

Meeting Room	Locations
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Tuesday Afternoon, April 13
Meeting of the National Refrigeration Supply Jobbers Assn.
Room No. 18—2 p.m.

Report of President, Alex H. Holcombe, Jr.

"WPB Orders Affecting Refrigeration Supply Jobbers," Sterling F. Smith, Chief, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Section, WPB.

"The Operation of the Controlled Materials Plan as it affects the Refrigeration Jobbers," J. W. Krall, Detroit Lubricator Co.

"A Glance at Post-War Conditions," Harry Alter, The Harry Alter Co.; C. E. Borden, A. E. Borden Co.

Reports of Standing Committees of N.R.S.J.A.

Report of Nominating Committee, H. S. McCloud, Chairman.

Election of Directors.

Report of Resolutions Committee, Irving J. Fajans, Chairman.

Meeting of Directors to Elect Officers.

Room No. 15—7 p.m.
Jobbers' Dinner.

Wednesday Morning, April 14

Joint Meeting of the Refrigeration Equipment Manufacturers Assn., National Refrigeration Supply Jobbers Assn., and Refrigeration Service Engineers Society.

Red Lacquer Room—10 a.m.

Meeting Called to Order, Alex H. Holcombe, Jr., President of N.R.S.J.A.

Reports from Product Group Meetings of R.E.M.A.

Discussion.

Open Forum—Difficulties manufacturers are having under present conditions in filling jobbers' orders.

"The Coming Crisis in Refrigeration Service," Paul B. Reed, Service manager of Servel, Inc., and Chairman War Educational Committee, R.S.E.S.

Announcements.

Adjournment.

Room No. 14—12:30 p.m.

Joint Luncheon—Speaker, Sterling F. Smith, Chief Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Section, WPB.

Revised L-5-d Outlines Procedure For Distribution of Released Refrigerators

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istration, National Housing Administration, and Civilian Supply. The stockpile resulting from this freeze totaled about 700,000 units.

"On April 30, 1942, all production of mechanical refrigerators was stopped, and none has been produced since then. An estimated annual saving of a quarter of a million tons of critical metals and materials was effected in this cut-off.

"On Sept. 5, 100,000 gas and electric refrigerators were released from the stockpile for sale to the public. It has been found that the claimant agencies requirement for the two-year period ending Dec. 31, 1944, could be served adequately by a smaller stockpile.

"The current release is made possible through revisions of estimated requirements for prior claimants."

Also on March 31 the Consumer Durable Goods Division, through order L-7-c, announced that quotas had been granted for the production of a total of 210,000 iceboxes for the months of April, May, and June (see story in first column of page 1). This is more than the total annual production of iceboxes in pre-war years. The public is permitted to buy iceboxes without restriction.

Following is the text of the amended Order L-5-d. The parts that have been changed or added are printed in the boldface type:

Part 989—Domestic Mechanical Refrigerators

[Supplementary Limitation Order L-5-d as Amended March 27, 1943]

§ 989.5 Supplementary General Limitation Order L-5-d—(a) Definitions. For the purposes of this order:

(1) "Person" means any individual, partnership, association, business trust, corporation, governmental corporation or agency, or any organized group of persons whether incorporated or not.

(2) "Domestic mechanical refrigerator" means any refrigerator for household use which operates either by compression or absorption and which has a net capacity (N. E. M. A. rating) of 16 cubic feet or less. A low temperature mechanical refrigerator designed for the storage of frozen foods or for the quick-freezing of food, where the low temperature compartment customarily operates at a temperature of not higher than 15° above zero (Fahrenheit) and contains 75% or more of the total refrigerating space in the refrigerator, shall not be considered a domestic mechanical refrigerator.

(3) "New domestic mechanical refrigerator" means any domestic mechanical refrigerator which has never been used by an ultimate consumer, including any such refrigerator which has been used merely for demonstration purposes.

(4) "Manufacturer" means any person who manufactures or assembles new domestic mechanical refrigerators.

(5) "Dealer" means any person (other than a manufacturer or distributor) engaged in the business of making sales at retail of new domestic mechanical refrigerators to the public.

(6) "Distributor" means any person engaged in the business of selling new domestic mechanical refrigerators to dealers for resale.

(7) "Transfer" means to sell, lease, trade, deliver, ship or otherwise transfer a new domestic mechanical refrigerator. "Transfer" does not include a transfer of title merely for security purposes or to a person financing a conditional sale, or a similar transaction made simultaneously with the transfer of the refrigerator itself to the purchaser; nor does it include the sale, lease or delivery of any new domestic mechanical refrigerator as part of the sale, lease or delivery of the dwelling unit or other premises in which such refrigerator is installed for use.

(8) "Affiliated distributor" means any distributor which is owned or controlled by a manufacturer or under common ownership or control with a manufacturer. A person shall be deemed to be owned or controlled by another person when more than 50% of its voting capital stock is directly or indirectly owned by such other person.

(9) "Independent distributor" means any distributor other than an affiliated distributor.

(b) Restrictions on transfers of new domestic mechanical refrigerators. No person shall transfer or accept transfer of any new domestic mechanical refrigerator except as permitted under the provisions of this paragraph (b). Whenever any manufacturer or distributor is authorized to transfer new domestic mechanical refrigerators under subparagraph (3) of this paragraph (b) or under paragraph (c) (2) (iii), such transfers shall be made as far as is practicable through his normal distributive outlets on a basis proportionate to his distribution of new domestic mechanical refrigerators to them, respectively, during the year 1941, regardless of any previous commitments or contracts.

(1) Any new domestic mechanical refrigerator may be transferred pursuant to a certificate of transfer under the provisions of paragraph (c) or pursuant to other specific authorization of the War Production Board.

(2) Any new domestic mechanical refrigerator may be transferred in fulfillment of any contract or purchase order for delivery of any such refrigerator to or for the account of the Army or Navy of the United States, the United States Maritime Commission or the War Shipping Administration.

(3) Any new electric or gas (but not kerosene) domestic mechanical refrigerator, which at 10 a.m. Eastern War Time, Feb. 14, 1942, was in the inventory of a dealer, independent distributor or any other person not a manufacturer or affiliated distributor, may be transferred by any person to any other person with-

out limit as to the number of transfers which may be made of any such refrigerator: Provided, That any transfer of a new domestic mechanical refrigerator to an ultimate consumer under the provisions of this subparagraph (3) may be made only if such transferee executes a purchaser's certification, on Form PD-833, which is countersigned by the transferor.

Any new electric or gas domestic mechanical refrigerator which at 10 a.m. Eastern War Time, Feb. 14, 1942, had been bought and fully paid for and was in the hands of the seller at that time, shall be deemed to have been in the inventory of the purchaser at 10 a.m. Eastern War Time, Feb. 14, 1942.

(4) Any new kerosene domestic mechanical refrigerator which at 10 a.m. Eastern War Time, Feb. 14, 1942, had been bought and fully paid for by an ultimate consumer, and was in the hands of the seller at that time may be delivered to the purchaser.

(5) Any person may distrain or levy by execution, attachment or similar form of judicial process, on any new domestic mechanical refrigerators, or repossess them on default, but may not transfer them thereafter except pursuant to the provisions of subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph (b) unless the refrigerators come within the provisions of subparagraph (3) of this paragraph (b).

(6) Any manufacturer may sell any new domestic mechanical refrigerator to Defense Supplies Corporation and Defense Supplies Corporation may resell any such refrigerators to the manufacturer from whom they were purchased.

(c) Transfer of new domestic mechanical refrigerators by a certificate of transfer. The War Production Board may in its discretion issue a certificate of transfer in either of the following forms:

(1) A certificate of transfer on Form PD-428 may be issued pursuant to a written application filed on Form PD-427 in accordance with the instructions contained thereon by a person desiring to purchase one or more new domestic mechanical refrigerators. Each such certificate of transfer, when signed by an authorized official of the War Production Board, authorizes the transfer to the person named of the refrigerators mentioned therein, in accordance with the terms stated. If the certificate is presented to a dealer or distributor who is unable to fill the order from his stock of refrigerators, such dealer or distributor may obtain the refrigerators necessary to fill the order by placing a written purchase order for such refrigerators, with a manufacturer, distributor or other person endorsing thereon a statement in the following form:

I (We) have received Certificate of Transfer, No.—, signed by an authorized official of the War Production Board, covering these refrigerators, and do not have them in stock.

Name of Company
By.....
Title

Any person with whom a purchase order bearing such an endorsement is placed may, if he does not have enough refrigerators in stock to fill the order, extend it by placing his own purchase order with a Manufacturer or other person holding such refrigerators and endorsing thereon a statement in the following form:

I (We) do not have these refrigerators in stock and they are required to fill an order placed with me by, who certifies that he has received Certificate of Transfer, No.—, covering these refrigerators.

Name of Company
By.....
Title

Any person with whom a purchase order for new domestic mechanical refrigerators is placed having an endorsement in either of the above forms, unless he knows or has reason to believe it to be false, shall be entitled to rely on such endorsement and may transfer the refrigerators specified in such order in accordance with its terms.

(2) A certificate of transfer on Form PD-430 may be issued in order to permit the transfer of new domestic mechanical refrigerators:

(i) From one warehouse or place of storage to another warehouse or other place of storage, whether or not it involves any change in the ownership or title of such refrigerators;

(ii) From any person to any other person when the transfer does not come within the provisions of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph (c); or

(iii) From any manufacturer, affiliated distributor or independent distributor without limit as to the number of transfers which may be made of any such refrigerators to any person other than a person acquiring refrigerators for export to and consumption or use in any foreign country: Provided, That

(a) The words "unlimited transfer" appear on such certificate; and

(b) Any transfer to an ultimate consumer made under the provisions of this subdivision (iii) of this paragraph (c) (2) may be made only if such ultimate consumer executes a purchaser's certification on Form PD-833, which is countersigned by the transferor.

Whenever such certificates for "un-

limited transfer" are issued by the War Production Board it shall take into consideration the number, price range, size and type of new domestic mechanical refrigerators in the stocks of manufacturers, affiliated distributors, and independent distributors on Feb. 14, 1942 and thereafter;

(iv) From any manufacturer, affiliated distributor or independent distributor without limit as to the number of transfers which may be made of any such refrigerators to any person acquiring refrigerators for export to and consumption or use in any foreign country: Provided, That the words "export transfer" appear on such certificate.

(d) Instructions and forms. The War Production Board may issue from time to time such instructions and forms as may be required to carry out the provisions of this order.

(e) Records. All persons affected by this order shall keep and preserve, for not less than two years, accurate and complete records concerning inventories, production and sales.

(f) Audit and inspection. All records required to be kept by this order shall, upon request, be submitted to audit and inspection by duly authorized representatives of the War Production Board.

(g) Reports. (1) Each manufacturer shall file with the War Production Board, on or before the next business day after any shipment to or from his stock of refrigerators, a report of all such shipments on Form PD-431.

(2) Each affiliated distributor or independent distributor shall file with the War Production Board on or before the next business day after any shipment to or from his stock of refrigerators, a report of all such shipments on Form PD-431. Any refrigerators received pursuant to Form PD-430 marked "unlimited transfer" which are set aside by an affiliated distributor or independent distributor for direct shipment by such affiliated distributor or independent distributor to ultimate consumers shall be reported on Form PD-431 as a group when set aside and not as individual transfers to ultimate consumers.

(3) All persons affected by this order shall file with the War Production Board such other reports and questionnaires as the War Production Board shall, from time to time prescribe.

(h) Communications. All reports to be filed and other communications concerning this order should be addressed to the War Production Board, Washington, D. C. Ref.: L-5-d.

(j) Order L-5-b superseded. On and after June 15, 1942 the provisions of this order shall supersede all the provisions of Supplementary Limitation Order L-5-b.

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Lynch Corp. 1942 Net \$453,164

TOLEDO—Corporate reports of Lynch Corp. and wholly owned subsidiary for 1942 reveal a net profit of \$453,164, or \$3.02 a share.

Lynch's "wholly owned subsidiary" is a consolidation of the Morris Packaging Equipment Co. of Toledo, Ohio and the Modern Equipment Corp. of Defiance, Ohio, manufacturer of "Par" commercial refrigerating machines.

Before arriving at net profit, \$475,000 had been provided for Federal income and excess profits taxes, less postwar credit.

'Public Information' Is Nema Committee Aim

NEW YORK CITY—Organization of a public information committee within the Household Refrigeration Section of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association was announced by Charles R. D'Olive, chairman of the Section.

Members of the committee are Lawrence W. O'Brien, General Electric Co.; Richard E. Gauen, Nash-Kelvinator Corp.; and James A. Baubie, Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., chairman.

"This committee will report on the important war production activities of the refrigerator manufacturing industry and inform the public on refrigeration developments which will affect post-war living," the announcement stated.

Servicemen 'Call In' Instead of 'Clock In' Save Many Miles

DETROIT—Savings of 300 to 400 miles per month of car driving has been made by Refrigeration Maintenance Corp., refrigeration service concern which has a number of servicemen operating in cars, through the use of a "telephone dispatch service."

Formerly the men reported into the Refrigeration Maintenance Corp.'s headquarters each morning, at which time the dispatcher would give them their calls for the day, or at least for a part of the day.

However, Detroit being a "spread out" city in terms of its residential districts, some of the men found that they were traveling 10 to 12 miles in their automobiles to get down to work in the morning, only to find that their first call was only a mile or two from their home.

Thus, they found that the former method of "checking in" at the headquarters was not only wasting their none-too-adequate supply of gasoline, but was also a great time waster, another precious commodity for servicemen in these times.

So the present system was inaugurated, whereby the serviceman calls the office from his home in the morning, and the dispatcher gives him the calls he is to make, at the same time recording them on forms at the office. The serviceman may also call in several times during the day to make reports and receive further orders, but is not required to check in at the office at night.

Trane Co. Reports '42 Earnings of \$394,855

LA CROSSE, Wis.—Trane Co.'s net earnings, after provision for taxes totaling \$744,000, were \$394,855 for the year ending Dec. 31.

In 1941 net earnings totaled \$522,136 after tax charges of \$680,000.

Trane reports net sales for 1942 of \$8,328,002, as against \$7,127,686 in 1941.

'Phone and Telegraphic' Applications For Preference Ratings Simplified by Order

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Application of preference ratings to telephone and telegraphic orders for scarce materials is further simplified by amendments of Priorities Regulation No. 3, announced last month by the Director General for Operations, WPB.

In a telegraphic order, use of the phrase "ratings certified" replaces the 10-word form of certification previously required.

The paragraph of Regulation No. 3 providing for oral application of preference ratings when orders are placed by telephone has been modified to require that only a written description of the materials purchased be sent by the buyer to the supplier, within 15 days following placement of the order.

A preference rating assigned in the course of a telephone order may now be extended immediately by the supplier, if necessary to acquire the material to be delivered. It may not, however, be extended to replenish inventory until receipt of the written confirmation. Formerly it was necessary for the buyer to send to the supplier a detailed purchase order within seven days of placing his telephone order and the supplier was not allowed in any circumstances to extend the rating until receipt of this written order.

Taylor Heads G-E Product Service



L. H. TAYLOR

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Product Service has now become a division of the company's appliance and merchandise department, and L. H. Taylor has been appointed manager of this division, it is announced by H. L. Andrews, vice president in charge of the A. & M. department.

Product service of the air conditioning and commercial refrigeration division at Bloomfield, and product service of appliance divisions at Bridgeport are now operating as sections under the newly established Product Service division. R. U. Berry, Bloomfield, and W. C. Noll, Bridgeport, continue as managers of these sections, the announcement states.

"By setting up factory-operated appliance service centers in key areas to make parts and service accessible by a definite, well-planned overall program for identification of qualified servicing dealers and assistance for them, the product service organization has earned its division status," says Mr. Andrews.

Taylor, manager of the new division, was one of the company auditors for six years. He joined the appliance and merchandise department in 1938 as assistant manager of credits and collection. In 1940 he was made assistant to the sales manager.

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No Rating Needed on Household Parts? Just a Pipe Dream

CHICAGO—The "no priorities are necessary for repair parts for household refrigerator" item published in the March 18 issue of the "Chicago Herald-Examiner," which caused a minor flurry among refrigerator service concerns here, has turned out to be just so much "fancy talk."

The item read as follows: "Repair and maintenance supplies for household mechanical refrigerators now may be obtained by dealers and service organizations without priorities, the War Production Department has announced. Carl Sundberg, District Priorities Manager, declares the servicing of household refrigerators in the coming war months is vital to the conservation of restricted food supplies."

In reality, no priorities are required for repair parts for household mechanical refrigerators—but by the same token, no priorities assistance is accorded the service agency to insure his obtaining the needed parts. A distributor or refrigeration supply jobber makes application for household refrigerator repair parts by means of a PD-1X form, but there is no assurance that he will receive a rating that will enable him to buy all necessary parts for resale.

The incident brings into sharp focus the failure of even those in official WPB positions to understand that under present conditions, there is no provision for guaranteeing adequate repair parts for household mechanical refrigerators.

'B' Classification To Be Same For 3rd Quarter

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Classification or listing of "B" products under CMP, issued last December, will remain unchanged for the third quarter of 1943, the Director General for Operations of WPB declared at the time the Controlled Materials Application forms for the third quarter were mailed.

Class "B" manufacturers were reminded to fill out one form for each class of products, to classify them correctly, and to be sure that applications covered all controlled materials needed by themselves and also by secondary consumers who make class "A" parts for their "B" products.

Warnings Issued About Order 'Duplicating'

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Manufacturers who place duplicate orders for their allotments of aluminum, copper, or steel, are not only causing confusion in mill schedules, but also are violating CMP regulation No. 1, a criminal offense, WPB officials warn.

To avoid further and worse disorder, WPB has issued an interpretation of regulation No. 1 which explains that "duplication of allotted materials is a violation of the law and may subject manufacturers to severe penalties under criminal code."

Duplicate orders are placed in the belief that delivery will be more certain. While a manufacturer may intend to cancel one of the two duplicate orders, the resulting confusion upsets not only the mill schedule but also threatens his own supply of materials, explained Harold Boeschenstein, director of the Controlled Materials division of WPB.

Full Tax Deduction Is Given on Scrap Machinery

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Full deduction from income tax of the undepreciated cost of machinery donated as scrap to and for the use of salvage committees constitutes a recent ruling by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. The ruling was based on a hypothetical case submitted by J. K. Lasser, nationally known tax expert.

"This deduction is in the nature of an abandonment loss resulting from the discarding of the asset," Mr. Lasser states. He points out the ruling by the Commissioner that the deduction will not be limited to 5% of net income to a corporation, or 15% of net income in the case of an individual.

Expansion Valves & Evaporators Still Class 'B' Products

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Evaporators and expansion valves are still considered as Class "B" products for the purposes of the Controlled Materials Plan (as stated in the March 1 issue of the NEWS), despite some confusing interpretations that have been issued by various WPB divisions.

What raised the doubt was the fact that the CMP Branch had ruled that "heat exchanger" equipment and "expansion valves" were in the Class "A" category. But it now seems that such "heat exchangers" and "expansion valves" were of a type not used in the refrigeration industry.

Another ruling, said to be official, states that "heat exchanger equipment consisting of condensers, evaporators, heat exchangers . . . and refrigeration valve equipment consisting of expansion valves, etc." are to be considered as Class "B" products.

WPB Branches Speed Priority Processing; Accuracy Asked

NEW YORK CITY—Industrial priority applications handled in the WPB New York City regional priority division have increased to an average of 300 a day from 100 a day since the division was granted authority to issue preference ratings on requests for material valued at \$100 or less.

After April 15, when the value of PD-1A's to be approved by the regional office is advanced to \$500, an upswing to 80% of the area total is expected to pass through this division.

About 100 of the 300 requests received daily are in amounts over \$100 and, until April 15, are being sent to Washington for action.

Approximately 50 of the 300 must be returned for correction of mix-takes made by applicants in filling out the forms. Although the forms carry instructions for filling out, 15 to 20% are dispatched with a shortage of necessary information and, some of them, without signatures.

Denial of nearly 20% of the PD-1A applications is brought about mainly because of the non-essential nature of the manufactured article, and application for extremely critical materials, the stock of which must not be touched. Too many industries are requesting essential materials for non-essential products instead of converting to a line requisite to war or domestic utility, WPB officials observe.

Preference ratings are given the remaining third, some receiving as high as AA-1.

Average time for priority transactions has been cut from two weeks to a couple of days by directing the flow of applications away from Washington into regional offices, WPB records disclose.

Form Shortened For Allotment Requests

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Aluminum, copper, and steel allotments may now be applied for by manufacturers of Class A products, as described in the Controlled Materials Plan, on skeletonized form CMP-4A, one of the briefest and simplest yet to appear, WPB spokesmen say, in conformance with their plan to simplify procedure wherever possible.

Form CMP-4A, a condensation of its four-page fore-runner, is confined to one sheet with the minimum of questions to be answered. Namely, what a manufacturer makes, the amount of controlled material he is requesting, and the date he wants it delivered. Pared to the bone, it is obvious that the new form will save valuable time.

Manufacturers should have this form in their hands soon as it has been issued for use in requisitioning materials to be delivered during and after the third calendar quarter of this year.

CMP-4A, which will be followed shortly by a reduced version of CMP-4B, is the beginning of conversion from complication to simplicity, WPB reports.



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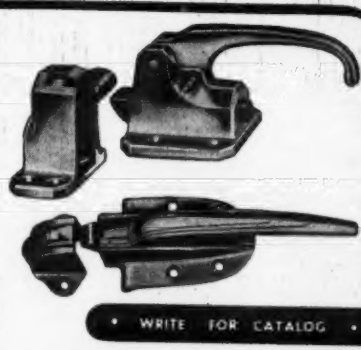
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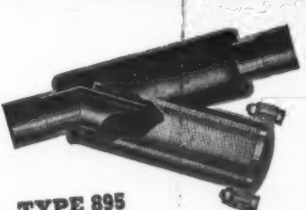
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